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SUBJECT: SICILIAN COMMENTARY ON ANDREOTTI VISIT

1. TREATMENT ON SICILIAN PRESS OF ANDREOTTI VISIT TO U.S. CLOSELY PARALLELS SUBSTANCE AND SHADINGS OF NATIONAL MEDIA COVERAGE.
2. PALERMO'S MODERATE DAILY GIORNALE DI SICILIA UNDERLINED WARMTH OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S WELCOME FOR ANDREOTTI AND POSITIVE OUTCOME OF THEIR DISCUSSIONS. ALSO HIGHLIGHTED WAS U.S. OFFER TO BE HELPFUL IN OVERCOMING ITALIAN ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF MEZZOGIORNO. PAPER NOTED ANDREOTTI SOMEWHAT DISAPPOINTED THAT U.S. PRESS SEEMED OVERLY ATTENTIVE TO PCI ROLE IN ITALY TO EXCLUSIN OF OTHER DEVELOPMENTS. GIORNALE DI SICILIA BELIEVED ANDREOTTI GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN STRENGTHENED BY PRIMIN'S U.S. VISIT AND SUGGESTED THAT GOVERNMENT'S LIFE SPAN COULD EASILY EXTEND UNTIL NEXT SPRING.
3. CATANIA'S CONSERVATIVE DAILY LA SICILIA ALSO STRESSED WARMTH OF WELCOME AND PROSPECIVE SUPPORT WHICH ANDREOTTI RECEIVED. PAPER NOTED ANDREOTTI'S COMMITMENT TO POLITICAL FREEDOM AS UNALTERABLE PREMISE FOR CARYING OUT PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT INVOLVING PCI.
4. PALERMO'S PCI-LINING DAILY L'ORA REPRINTED COVERAGE

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- APPEARING IN ROMA'S PAESE SERA UNDER FRONT-PAGE, BOLD PRINT HEADLINE "ITALY OK, SAYS CARTER"# SUBTITLE SAID: "AMERICA PASSES FAVORAB?LE JUDGEMENT ON ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AND ITS STABILIZATION EFFORTS".
5. AN ITERESTING INSIGHT INTO PCI'S INTERNAL TREATMENT OF VISIT CAME FROM JULY 30 COMMENT AT LOCAL UNITA' FESTIVAL BY PCI NATIONAL DIRECTORATE MEMBER EMANUELE MACALUSO, WHO

SERVED ON RECENT PCI DELEGATION TO SOVIET UNION FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH CPSU. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY FROM AUDIENCE, MACALUSO SAID "NEVER BEFORE HAS AN OFFICIAL VISITOR FROM ITALY BEEN RECEIVED WITH SUCH GREAT RESPECT IN THE U.S. THIS HAPPENED BECAUSE OF THE NEWLY-ESTABLISHED RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COMMUNISTS, WHO ARE ABLE TO OFFER SERIOUS GUARANTEES AS EFFORTS BEGIN TO SOLVE THE COUNTRY'S PROBLEM. WE DO NOT EXPECT TO ACCEDE TO PGXER WITH CARTER'S BLESSING, BUT WE THINK AMERICA'S LEADERS WILPHAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE NEW REALITY WHICH HAS BEEN DETERMINED BY ITALIAN POLITICAL FORCES. FROM THIS VIEW POINT, THE CURRENT AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION SEES THINGS WITH GREATER REALISM THAN PAST ADMINISTRATIONS".

6. IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR DEFINITION OF EUROCOMMUNISM, MACALUSO SAID THERE WAS NEITHER A GEOGRAPHIC CENTER NOR A SINGLE THEORY FOR EUROCOMMUNISM. EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES DID, HOWEVER, HAVE POINTS INCOMMON, I.E. FULL AUTONOMY OF INDIVIDUAL PARTIES WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF "INTERNATIONALISM"# BELIEF IN HE "DEMOCRATIC WAY" AND THEREFORE PLURALISM AMONG PARTIES AND FULL TRADE UNION AUONOMY. ACCEPTED TOO WAS ROTATION IN AND OUT OG GOVERNMENT OF OPPOSING POLITICAL FORCES. MACALUSO ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THESE PRINCIPLES SHOULD NOT BE DROWNED IN "SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES" WHICH HE CHARACTERIZED AS A SIMPLE MANAGEMENT OF CAPITALISM WHICH ABADONS THE STRUGGLE FOR A DEMOCRATIC FORM OF SOCIALISM. COLLINS

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